

## Partners of Christ's Words and Sufferings

*Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me?  
The words (rhema) that I speak unto you I speak not of myself but  
the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. John 14:10*

### *The Characteristics of Christ's words*

#### **Imperishable**

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words (logos – enduring purpose) shall not pass away.

#### **Gracious**

Luke 4:22 And all bare him witness and wondered at the gracious (charis – grace) words (logos) which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

#### **Supremacy**

Luke 4:32 And they were astonished at his doctrine for his word (logos) was with power (exousia – authority to carry out the purpose of the arche).

#### **Spiritual**

John 6:63 It is the spirit (pneuma – breath of God) that quickeneth (zoopoieo – to arouse, invigorate, and to restore life); the flesh profiteth nothing: the words (rhema – a divinely inspired word) that I speak unto you they are spirit (pneuma-breath of life), and they are life.

#### **Life-Giving**

John 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord to whom shall we go? thou hast the words (rhema) of eternal life (zoe – the breath of life).

#### **Incomparable**

John 7:46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

#### **Words of Judgment**

John 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words (rhema), hath one that judgeth him: the word (logos) that I have spoken, the same shall judge him the last day.

### **Divine**

John 14:24 He that loveth me not keepeth (tereo – preserve) not my sayings (logos): and the word (logos) which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

*He that is of God heareth God's words (rhema) .... John 8:47*

### *Promises to those who keep Christ's words*

### **Eternal Life**

John 8:51 Verily (amen – surely, surely of a truth), verily (amen – surely, surely of a truth), I say unto you, If a man **keep** (tereo – preserve) my saying (logos – enduring purpose of God), he shall never see (theoreo – to be a spectator, to view mentally) death.

### **The Abiding Comforter**

John 14:15-16 If ye love me, **keep** (tereo – preserve) my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter (parakletos – called to one's side), that he may abide (meno – sojourn) with you forever.

### **Holy Fellowship**

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love (agapao) me, he will **keep** (tereo – preserve) my words: and my Father will love (agapao) him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode (mone – dwelling) with him.

### **Divine Disclosure**

John 17:6 I have manifested (phaneroo – make actual and visual what has been hidden or unknown) thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have **kept** (tereo – preserved) thy word (logos).

### **Assurance**

1 John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we **keep** (tereo – 2reserve) his commandments.

### **Access to God**

Revelation 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength (dunamis – explosive power), and hast **kept** (tereo – preserved) my word (logos), and has not denied my name.

*For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words (logos),  
of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come  
in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. Luke 9:26*

## *The sacrifice and suffering required to follow Christ's words*

### **Walking in Wisdom**

Colossians 4:3-4 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery (mysterion – the secret thing) of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: 4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

### **Enduring Cause and Effect**

1 Peter 4:13-14 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers (keinoneo – partner) of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you; on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

### **The Demands of God**

Romans 5:3-6 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations (thlipsis – a pressing) also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. 6 For when we were yet without strength (asthenas – feeble), in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

### **The Principle of the Suffering Messiah**

Acts 17:1-3 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: 2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures. 3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Acts 26:22-23 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which

the prophets and Moses did say should come: 23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

### ***Fellowship in His Sufferings***

Philippians 3:7-10 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win (kerdaino – to spare one's self from evil) Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship (komonía - a joint participation, a partnership) of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

### ***Crucified with Christ***

Galatians 2:20-21 I am crucified (systauroo- to impale and kill by piercing) with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.